

COOPERATIVE

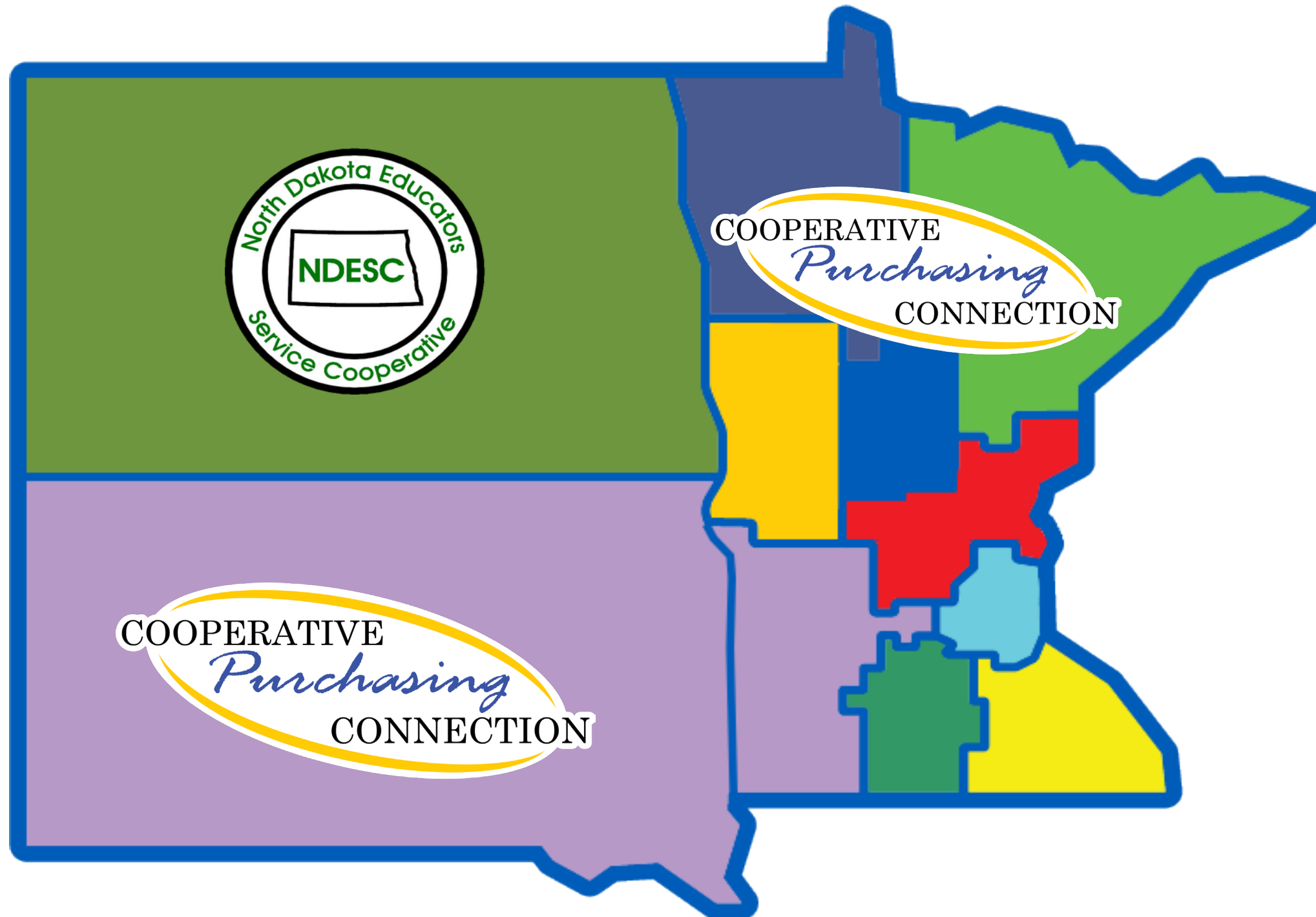
Purchasing

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CPC and NDESC



■ CPC Service Cooperatives

- Lakes Country Service Cooperative: *Fergus Falls*
- BrightWorks (Metro ECSU): *Arden Hills*
- Northeast Service Cooperative: *Mt Iron/Virginia*
- Northwest Service Cooperative: *Thief River Falls*
- Resource Training and Solutions: *Sartell*
- South Central Service Cooperative: *Mankato*
- Southeast Service Cooperative: *Rochester*
- Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative: *Marshall*

■ Service Cooperative Legislation

MN Statute 123A.21

Chapter 54-40.3 of the
North Dakota Century Code

SD Codified Laws §5-18A



About Us

CPC is a program of nonprofit governmental units that exist to help schools, municipalities, government agencies, and nonprofits operate more efficiently and effectively.

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Why Cooperative Purchasing?

Efficiencies save you time and money!

- Pools the purchasing power for lower prices.
- Reduces or eliminates the duplication of purchasing procedures.
- Eliminates the need for an agency to do their own formal solicitation.
- Absorbs soft costs.



Who Uses CPC?

- City of St Paul
- Washington County
- Sioux Falls Public Schools
- Ramsey County
- Scott County
- Anoka County
- City of Bloomington
- Anoka Hennepin Schools
- Orono Schools
- Wayzata Schools
- Rochester Schools
- Waconia Schools
- Minneapolis Public Schools
- Mankato Schools

CPC's Process



Research solicitation category
Attract potential vendors
Draft RFP documents



Publish solicitation/release of RFP
Question/Answer
Response time
Due date/bid opening



Compile and evaluate qualified responses
Vendor award
Signed Master Contract Agreement with vendor















































































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Featured Suppliers

 EST. 1952 BEST PLUMBING SPECIALTIES, INC.  	 BLICK art materials  	 BUSCH SYSTEMS  	 CDW-G   	 CDW-G   	 completebook.com EVERYTHING INFORMATION EST. 1981 GSA 
 demco  	 DISCOUNT SCHOOL SUPPLY   	 PSE lighting   	 FLINN SCIENTIFIC  	 HILLYARD 	 in innovative  
 KAPLAN  	 Lakeshore  	 MACKIN 	 Midwest Technology Products  	 Nasco Education  	 nbf National Business Furniture  
 COOPERATIVE Purchasing CONNECTION PAPER CATALOG  	 PARTAC PEAT CORPORATION  	 PITSCO EDUCATION  	 Really Good Stuff Innovative, teacher-created classroom solutions  	 SCHOOL HEALTH We Supply Your Future  	 School Specialty  
 THE ORGANWISE GUYS  					

7 reasons to integrate SMART and Express!

- Express integration ensures that teachers and staff are receiving discounted pricing.
- Express allows price comparisons across multiple suppliers.
- Orders that are processed and submitted to SMART Systems are routed through a district's existing approval process.
- Paperless requisitions make the purchasing procedure from teachers to staff a fluid process.
- Forgot what you ordered last year? No problem! Staff and teachers will be able to see previous orders in Express – making it easier to place future orders.
- Integration offers order placement flexibility. Orders can be placed individually for each teacher, or the district can combine orders within SMART Systems for a larger, single order to each supplier.
- We make training easy! We have created step-by-step guides that can be shared with staff to help streamline the integration and training process.

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Step-By-Step Guides

[How to Set Up Integration \(Finance Office\)](#)

[How to Order \(Staff\)](#)

[How to Process Orders \(Order Processing/Finance Office\)](#)

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Express Demo!



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Thank you!



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